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information. But when I had finished John Cameron that drew a long breath, an' he said: 'An' what are ye groanin' about, Oglivy?' 'I'm tellin' ye this, Mistress Wallace, to illustrate the fact that we're not melancholical disposition I'm inclined for to make bad news waur nor it really is to exaggerate it, as it were.'

'An' what's that?' said Mrs. Wallace, 'an' ye've brocht good news to David noo an' then I thought ye wud be the best fit to bring the bad news.'

'Wud it be best to say naethin' an' just let David an' it out for hisel?' 'An' naethin' I'm thinkin' it's the best hoose that's been here since Kinloch's—a big job like that wud be a fine start for them—the shinner David gets his word in w' the contractor the better. I jist hope he's no' over late as it is. Hoo dae ye think David wud stan' opposition?' She inquired suddenly.

Mr. Oglivy rubbed his chin meditatively.

'Ye think it wud ma' him strive ma'?' his companion asked.

Mr. Oglivy ceased rubbing his chin an' took to scratching his nose gently with his middle finger. 'He's no' strivin' the noo,' he said at last.

'Mrs. Wallace shook her head. 'The garden's got the haud o' him again, an' furbye that he's sae ta'en up w' this wee daurin'—she looked down at the infant—that whies Jess canna get his cot the hoose till 10 P. the mornin'.'

'It's no' a great sin to be ta'en up w' his docter,' the grocer observed.

'I didna say it wud, Maister Oglivy, but it wud be a sin for an' Jess here to suffer for the future,' Mrs. Wallace returned, kindly. She putted the child tenderly an' continued: 'I think a man's the queerest thing in the hale o' creation. I've leaved a lang while noo, an'—'

'Ye're no' that said' put in Mr. Oglivy gallantly.

'Gie'd ye a song, please! I wud say I've leaved a lang while noo, an' I've met twa sorts o' whie ye micht ca' honest, decent, guid men, an' I wudna like to say which in the wa' of the twa. There's the man that aye pits his business afore his wife an' weans, an' the man that aye pits his wife an' weans afore his business. I've never seen a man yet that kent hoo to divide hisel!'

'Nae man can serve twa maisters,' remarked Mr. Oglivy seriously.

'Nae man can try it,' she returned.

'A man wud be his ain maister.'

'In theory, as it were.'

'Nae in practice, as it is. Theory's a' richt efter a man's deed. Ye dinna buy a man w' wages; ye buy his wark; he dinna sell hisel' to his wife an' weans; he lends hisel' as lang as he has the richt an' micht to do it. At least that's the way it sude be.'

'Aye, but that's jist theory. If ye'll excuse me for sayin' it, Mistress Wallace—'

'Excuse ye, for I ken ye canna help bein' a hinderer, Maister Oglivy. I've never met a man yet that didna gasp about theories when he hadna the sense or the spunk to practise whie he kent in his hert w' the richt thing to do.'

'Ye're severe on men,' said Mr. Oglivy, nooping his brow. 'Man is but mortal,' he added in dignified apology.

'An' mortal stuff furbye! Tak' a' that hat afore it gies ye some affliction o' the brain.'

'Mr. Oglivy removed his hat, not without a struggle, and laid it on the ground afore it the stamp on which he was seated.

'I doot ye're markit for life,' said Mrs. Wallace. 'Disfigured through yer sin constate. Eh?'

Smiling ruefully, the grocer rubbed his suffering forehead. 'I doot I'll hae to get another hat efter a', he said.

'Either that or another held,' said Mrs. Wallace. 'But that's no' the pint we wis speakin' about, Maister Oglivy,' she went on, becoming serious.

'Ye ken whie I mean?'

'Aye, ye mean man. Ye wis speakin' about man, Mistress Wallace.'

'That's yer business! That wudna a pint. Man's o' nae consequence. I mean the business about the new finery.'

'Oh, aye?'

'An' I want ye to tell David the night, Maister Oglivy. X'e'll oblige me greatly if ye tell him secretlike, for I'm no' wantin' Jess to be vexin' herself about it. She's got plenty to think about the noo w'oot a big trouble like this. Jess is no' jist as weel as I wud like to see her.'

'Is she no'?' exclaimed Mr. Oglivy in a voice of deep concern if not alarm.

'Oh, I dinna think it's onythin' serious, but she needs to tak' care o' herself. Dinna say a word to her or onybody else about it.'

'I'll never open ma mouth! But she was nae an' roay the last time I seen her.'

'Rid cheeks jana everything! Jess had ower big a hert for her body, an'—'

'Oh, nae! Ye dinna mean that, Mistress Wallace?' he cried, looking shocked.

'Man, man, of course I dinna mean that's onythin' waur w' her hert or her body either,' said the other sympathetically. 'I mean she's fashin' herself about it, an' that's what's the matter with her!'

'That's nae business! About David's affairs as well as her ain—no, but whie she has a richt to ken about his affairs. But nooadays she's plenty o' her ain to keep her busy mind an' body, an' whie I wud like to gie David a hint, but I've never managed it yet. It's no' often I can get a man w'at I think, but—'

'Deed, that's truth,' said Mr. Oglivy quite involuntarily.

'But,' she continued, ignoring the remark, 'if I wis tellin' David he wud be that pit about that I doot he wud speak to Jess an' maybe frighten her an' ma' her waur nor she is.'

'I see, I see,' he said sympathetically.

his chance. There's naebody can teach him fur guid wark.

'I micht try to get on w'at's buildin' in the hoose the morn,' said Mrs. Wallace, whose spirits were sinking lower and lower.

'I'll be out the night! I'll be out the noo if I can. Here's the maister an' I'll offer at the maister. I micht jist ma' him cradle' w' a shoon, an' Maister Wallace, whose spirits were sinking lower and lower.

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"Guid stoik!" they both uttered.

Double in Glen's. He's in the glass trade. Eh? Whie's waur, Mistress Wallace?

'E've'rithin' she groaned, throwing up her hands. 'Ma' ye jist!'

'What's that, whie's that?' she cried the grocer.

'Mrs. Wallace became suddenly calm. 'Never heed the noo, Maister Oglivy. I'll ma' it ye another time.'

Mr. Oglivy nodded gently, and nothing more was said till they reached Mrs. Wallace's gate. 'I see that I canna trust ye,' she said abruptly. 'I'll tell ye a' about it the morn, if I can.'

'Mistress Wallace,' he returned in a solemn whisper, 'I'm aye at-ye service, as it were.'

PARDONING CRIMINALS.

TOO MUCH TIME TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNOR.

Judges And Juries Too Quick to Undo Their Wark.

(Wilmington Manager.)

The Norfolk Landmark and the Charleston News and Courier have come to the aid of those papers in this State who are advocating the establishing of a board of pardons in order to relieve our governor of the very onerous duty of investigating almost every case in which a person has been convicted of a capital crime. They look at the situation from an entirely non-partisan and disinterested standpoint. These papers also justly criticize the action of judges and juries in recommending to the governor that pardon or commutation of sentence be granted to persons whom the latter have found guilty of the offense charged and on whom the former have imposed sentence with the crime committed as developed by the facts testified to before them. The editorials from the two papers, which we quote below, are to the point and the instances cited illustrate the manner in which judges and juries often put unnecessary labor on the governor and try to shift to his shoulders the responsibility which their offices require them to bear. We have no patience with a jury which convicts a man and then ask the governor to try the case over again and say that he should not be punished, or with a judge who, having discretion as to the severity of punishment, imposes a certain sentence and then recommends to the governor that the latter should make it lighter. There are some cases where the governor should be appealed to, but these are very few—such as where the statute leaves no discretion with the judge in designating the punishment and it is considered too severe under the circumstances of the particular case.

The two editorials referred to are as follows:

'Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, has uttered a timely and vigorous protest against a condition of affairs in his State which forces its chief executive to devote too much time to the consideration of petitions asking pardons for criminals. He complains of the action of judges and juries in demanding of the governor that he shall undo the work they themselves have done in criminal trials.'

According to the Norfolk Landmark Governor Glenn cited the following most remarkable case in point:

'A man shot his wife because she would not live with him. As she fell her child dropped from her arms and died. Wounded, the poor woman tried to reach the child and comfort it, when her husband shot her again, declaring that since she was dying anyhow he would finish the job quickly. Positive testimony was to the effect that the man expressed regret that he had not killed his wife at the first shot, as he intended to do. The jury properly convicted the brute of murder in the first degree. The judge in sentencing him to be hanged told him that his crime was one of the foulest known, that it had been deliberate and premeditated, and that he must not expect to escape the gallows.'

'As the Landmark observes, "so far, so good;" but the startling feature of the incident is yet to follow. Before this brute could be hung Governor Glenn was forced to refuse him a pardon, one of the men who asked for it being the trial judge who had told the murderer his crime was "one of the foulest known, that it had been deliberate and premeditated, and that he must not expect to escape the gallows."

'This is of course, an extremely objectionable case; but there is not a governor in the southern states who might not second with excellent reason the protest made by Governor Glenn. It seems well-nigh impossible to find a brute so vicious, so criminal and so degraded that a manly sentimentality will not seek to obtain for him executive clemency. It is bad enough when the uniformed public lends itself to such a movement, but it is much worse when the representatives of the law who in compliance with their duty to society have found him worthy of death or imprisonment resort to this method of quieting their too tender consciences. It is much too frequently the case that judges and juries are so carried away by their sympathies that they try to set aside the verdicts which their better judgments found and approved.'

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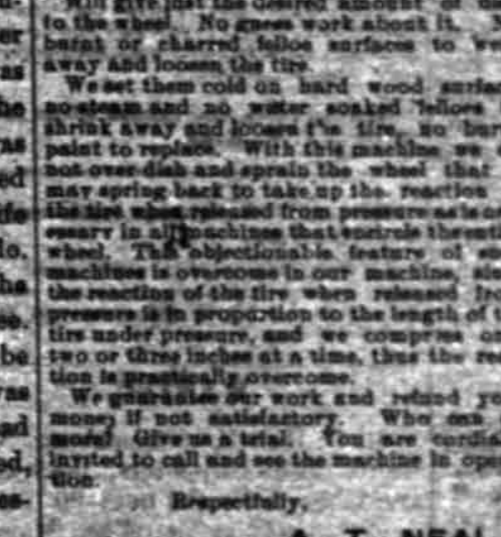
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